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SUBJ: RUMORED PLANS FOR SUEZ CANAL BRIDGE

REF: CAIRO 2142, STATE 021119

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS, I CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY (SCA) PORT SAID AND, LATER, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION, TO ASK IF RUMOR WAS TRUE.
2. BOTH OFFICIALS SAID THAT RUMOR OF BRIDGE ACROSS SUEZ CANAL HAD BEEN CURRENT SINCE CANAL'S RE-OPENING IN JUNE 1975. SCA OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT AUTHORITY IS OPOSED TO IDEA BECAUSE OF COST VS. POTENTIAL BENEFIT, ESPECIALLY WHEN ANY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTED WOULD HAVE TO BE SUFFICIENTLY LONG TO SPAN WIDENED SUEZ CANAL, AND BECAUSE BRIDGE WOULD POSE DANGER TO NAVIGATION IF IT WERE EITHER OF PIVOT OR DRAW TYPE.
3. HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION REPRESENTATIVE ADDED THAT ENGINEERING OF ANY BRIDGE OVER SUEZ CANAL - NECESSARILY A SUSPENSION BRIDGE - WOULD REQUIRE SOPHISTICATED AND THEREFORE PROHIBITIVELY COSTLY TECHNIQUES.

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4. FYI: THIS RUMOR HAS, INDEED, BEEN CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT SUEZ CANAL REGION FOR PAST YEAR. ALMOST TO A MAN, HOWEVER, GOE OFFICIALS WHO COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A PROJECT HAVE DISMISSED IT AS AN EXPENSIVE AND UN-NECESSARY FRILL WHOSE EXECUTION LIES WELL IN THE FUTURE. SIGNED SURBER.
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